DRESS WITCHERY.

A sweet disorder in the dress Kindles in clothes a wantonness; A lawn about the shoulders thrown nto a fine distraction Into a fine distraction—
An erring lace, which here and there
Enthralls the crimson stomacher
A cuff neglectful, and thereby
Ribbands to flow confusedly—
A winning wave, deserving note, In the tempestuous petticoat—
A careless shoestring, in whose tie
I see a wild civility—
Do more bewitch me, than when art Do more bewiken inc.

In too precise in every part.

—Robert Herrick.

SOME STRANGE HANDS.

Is a Great Deal of Character in Them if We Only Knew It. is reveal habits, occupations, trades of them rises at the thought, like the ate after an election speech. There is arpenter's, with the broad thumb, and of the fraternity of flour, ingrained, y and white; the musician's, with the rful wrist and the fingers delicate, sensiand ngile to the last degree; the hand of astress, with an honorable little bit of grater on the forefinger that works d; of the scientific man, who lectures lain mysteries to lower mortals, and exactitude of touch is the image of his precision, while the nervous stretch of ers corresponds with his tension of

sleight-of-hand professor is a man of ngers. A conjurer with a slow and hand would betray the awful secrets plum pudding that is taken from the

of your best hat. besides character and trade, the hands the age. Soft and round, the baby's of puff-balls, with their fat wrists deeply d, appear as if they never can do any-in this world. Yet the girl's hand will me a treasure, and the boy's hand will with life and with his fellow-men for astery. It is appalling to think of what helpless little puff-balls have before

ter the first dimples they become the hands of school; then the awkward hands on't know what to do with themselves. pass, the boy's hand ceases to grumble ves-yea, he wears them in extravareshness, in comparison as his collars upward, and his shoes tighten within h of his life. The result of these phea is that a ring begins to shine with ing strangeness on another hand, that d a child's but yesterday. The young tells by her hands that it is not long the wedding, because she cannot let that ing alone, but twists it around for the of caressing it in idle moments. Her a disappear as the children gather to a home circle; it is the hand of the n now with its very framework trace-

es, bones and wrinkles mark the three of life's progress. With the wrinkled the steadiness of youth often remains in te characters. When the Duke of Welm was a very old man, he could still fill s of water to the last possible drop and it up steadily brimful. The helpful keep their youthful activity, too, far the withering age. And in nobly loving s there is a sort of immortality of the warmth of affection has given han a royal prerogative; the hand is tiful always to the eyes that know it liarly. The later years only stamp it the impress of a longer past of tender-faithfulness and bounty. It is not the "hand but the "dear" hand, and it never ws older, but only more dear. He who ibts the truth of this last mystery has not found out that hands as well as hearts ve a peculiar place in our knowledge and e of one another,—Cassell's Magazine.

Condition of Things in Persia. Everybody in Persia admits that the shah animated by the best intentions, and that would restore to his country its ancient ndor; but at the same time everybody on that his good intentions are never carried ut, and that no sovereign ever met with less apport. Such is the discouragement of the apport. Such is the discouragement of the hah that he has completely given up control of the state, just as he allows the fortified walls surrounding his residence to crumble and fall into the ditabes. During our sojourn in Teheran we witnessed the curious spectacle of the minister of fine arts taking possession one of the outbuildings of the palace and sclaring that he would not leave until the alary due him was paid. The shah, who ves a good joke, has the obstinate vizier rell taken care of, and asks him, every time meets him on his walks, whether he affed with the cuisine. The vizier declares that it is excellent, and swears that he will end his days near the person of his majesty. His majesty laughs, thanks him and proceeds on his walk.

This is a fair example of the condition of things in general. The wages of the soldiers are a source of income to the colonels, who send three-fourths of the men on furiough and send three-fourths of the men on furrough and pocket their wages. The lower officers allow the soldiers to practice a profession on condi-tion that they divide the proceeds with them. Many a soldier who guards in the evening the door of the palace, in the morning sold lettuce in the streets or patched slippers in the shadow of a mosque.—Mery Cor. Paris Journal.

Growth of a Mountain.

Mount Tarawera, one of the New Zealand volcanoes which recently displayed such extraordinary activity, is 300 feet higher than before the eruption. The scene at this mountain was one of unparalleled grandour. Balls of fire shot high into the air, and enormous tongues of flame, 500 feet wide, rose to a height of 1,000 feet.—The Argonaut.

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